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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An oxetane compound containing a (meth)acryloyl group, which is represented by formula (1) below

$$= \bigwedge_{0}^{R^{1}} A - NH - O - R^{3} R^{4}$$

$$(1)$$

wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, A represents -OR²- or a bond, R² represents a divalent hydrocarbon group which may contain an oxygen atom in the main chain, R³ represents a linear or branched alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and R⁴ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

2. (previously presented): The oxetane compound containing a (meth)acryloyl group claimed in claim 1, which is a compound represented by formula (2) below

$$= \bigvee_{O} \bigvee_$$

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3. (previously presented): The oxetane compound containing a (meth)acryloyl group as claimed in claim 1, which is a compound represented by formula (3) below

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CH_3 & NH & O \\ \hline \\ O & O \\ \hline \end{array}$$

4. (previously presented): The oxetane compound containing a (meth)acryloyl group as claimed in claim 1, which is a compound represented by formula (4) below

$$= \bigvee_{O}^{CH_3} O \longrightarrow (4)$$

5. (currently amended): A production method of a compound represented by formula (1) below

$$= A - NH - O - R^3 R^4$$

$$(1)$$

wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, A represents -OR²- or a bond, R^2 represents a divalent hydrocarbon group which may contain an oxygen atom in the main

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chain, R³ represents a linear or branched alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and R⁴ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

wherein an isocyanate compound containing a (meth)acryloyl group represented by formula (5) below is reacted with an oxetane compound containing a hydroxyl group represented by formula (6) below

$$= \bigwedge_{A-NCO}^{R^1} A$$
 (5)

wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, A represents -OR²- or a bond, and R² represents a divalent hydrocarbon group which may contain an oxygen atom in the main chain,

$$HO-R^3$$
 R^4 (6)

wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and R^4 represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

where the molar ratio of the isocyanate to oxetane at the time of reaction is 1:0.90 to 1:1.10.

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6. (original): The production method of an oxetane compound containing a (meth)acryloyl group as claimed in claim 5, wherein a tertiary amine or a tin compound is used as catalyst